UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF MAINE

WILLIAM STEVENSON d/b/a Pen Bay Towing a/k/a Maine Towing & Salvage,

Plaintiff

v.

Civil No. 05-240-P-S

OCTOBER PRINCESS HOLDINGS, LLC In Personam.

and M/V OCTOBER PRINCESS, O.O. 1105156, her engines, tackle, furniture, boats, appurtenances, etc.

In Rem

Defendants

ORDER DENYING DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR ATTORNEY'S FEES

Now before the Court is Defendants' Motion for Attorney's Fees. (Docket No. 55.) Defendants specifically request an award of attorney's fees in connection with defending against Plaintiff's Motion to Vacate the Arbitration Award. After reviewing the Motion and the underlying Motion to Vacate, the Court finds that this is a close case; however, there is no evidence of bad faith. Thus, there is no basis to support an award of attorney's fees. Accordingly, it is **ORDERED** that Defendants' Motion for Attorney's Fees be, and it is hereby, **DENIED**.

/s/ George Z. Singal
Chief U.S. District Court Judge

Dated at Portland, Maine this 24th day of January, 2008.